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Auschwitz

there was an
electrical fence
you couldn't climb
it but could
speak thru it

families were taken
together they
took their luggage
into the camps
their hair wasn't

cut they were in
a different position
than anything anyone
there had seen these
people had special

cards that said
gassing and quarantine
we didn't know why
they'd be kept six
months there was a

school for the children,
a theatre. They were
told to write letters
to relatives in the
ghetto to say they

were working, together.
The ss came to play
with the children.
What we didn't know,
that at midnight there'd

be a note. The lake of
ashes. Those cremated
were dumped in it
they said they were
going to Heidibrook.*

There was no Heidi, the
train went right to
the crematorium

**A resort they believed they were
going to that did not exist.*



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The Centre has recently opened its new Holocaust Resource Centre. With its extensive library and hi-tech multi-media equipment, it will further serve all segments of the community.

Operated by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, the Centre is located in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street, North York M2R 3V2.

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